GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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FOREST DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various States for development of forests;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith their cost, State-wise; and

(c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

A statement has been laid on the Table of the House.

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme, which is mainly aimed at development of forests.The scheme is being implemented through a two-tier decentralized institutional set up of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at the Forest Division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at the village level.As on 15.2.2008 the Ministry has received proposals for 778 FDA projects out of which 753 FDA Projects have been approved at a total cost of Rs.2063.78 crores.The State-wise figures are given in the Annexure.The remaining proposals will be approved subject to their suitability as per the Guidelines of the NAP Scheme, the submission of proper documents and availability of funds under the Scheme.